



COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

June 6, 2018
Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi
Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, Room 127
6300 Ocean Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78412
10:00am

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- IV. Welcome Address from Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration Terry Tatum
- V. Invited Testimony

Examine how emergency response activities are organized, funded, and coordinated. Review the impact of natural disasters on county finances. Identify any deficiencies in authority for the most populous counties related to infrastructure planning, emergency response, and recovery. Explore ways to improve efficiencies and manage costs while protecting public safety. Additionally, study the relationship between the state, counties, non-governmental organizations, and churches in preparing for and responding to Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, and determine if preparedness plans are adequate.

Evaluate whether counties have the necessary ordinance-making and enforcement authority to deal with flood risk in unincorporated rural and suburban areas of Texas. Additionally, examine whether counties have adequate resources and authority to ensure that new development in unincorporated areas is not susceptible to flooding.

County Officials- Authority, Roles, and Impact

Panel #1

Honorable C.H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., County Judge
Aransas County

Honorable Rudy Madrid, County Judge
Kleberg County

Panel #2

Christopher A. Boyce, MPA, Emergency Management Coordinator
Nueces County

Desiree L. Voth, Governmental Affairs
San Patricio County

Weather- Overview, Predictions, and Findings

John Metz, Warning Coordination Meteorologist
National Weather Service Corpus Christi

Public Health- Overview, Impact, and Recovery

Jonny Hipp, ScD, FACHE, Administrator/ Chief Executive Officer
Nueces County Hospital District

Mike Davis, Executive Director
Behavioral Health Center of Nueces County

Mark Durand, Executive Director
Coastal Plains Center

Local Entity Coordination with Charitable Organizations

Warren Phipps, Executive Director
Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group

Reverend Beth Tatum, Board President
Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group

Deacon Mark Arnold, Diocesan Disaster Relief Coordinator
Diocese of Corpus Christi

Henry Van de Putte, Regional Chief Executive
American Red Cross, Texas Gulf Coast

VI. Public Testimony

VII. Adjourn